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## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2011 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

### Bill No. 21 -2011

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT increasing the total amount of tax credits for Qualifying Energy Conservation Devices that may be granted during a fiscal year; allowing the credit to be granted for certain applications filed on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of the tax credit for Qualifying Energy Conservation Devices; and generally relating to the tax credit for Qualifying Energy Conservation Devices.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2011. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 at \_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. *Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the  
2 *Howard County Code is amended as follows:*

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4 *By amending subsection (e) of:*

5 *Title 20 – Taxes, charges, and fees*

6 *Section 20.128A “Qualifying energy conservation devices.”*

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8 **Title 20. Taxes, charges, and fees.**

9 **Subtitle 1. Real property tax; administration, credits, and enforcement.**

10 **Part III. State-Authorized Howard County tax credits.**

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12 **Section 20.128A. Qualifying energy conservation devices.**

13 *(e) Annual Limit on Amount of Credits Granted:*

14 (1) During a fiscal year, the total of all tax credits granted under this section  
15 shall not exceed [[\$250,000.00]] \$500,000.00.

16 (2) Credits shall be granted in the order in which the Department of Finance  
17 receives the complete applications under subsection (f) of this section.

18 (3) A complete application that, if granted, would cause the limit set forth in  
19 paragraph (1) of this subsection to be exceeded, shall be granted in the  
20 next fiscal year or years and in the order received.

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22 **Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,  
23 *Maryland that the credit authorized by Section 20.128A of the Howard County Code*  
24 *shall not be granted for applications received after May 2, 2011 unless the property*  
25 *owner:*

26 1. *On or before May 2, 2011, enters into a contract for eligible costs, as that term is*  
27 *defined in Section 20.128A;*

28 2. *Applies for the credit on or before April 1, 2012; and*

29 3. *Is determined by the Department of Finance to be eligible to receive the credit.*

1    **Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County,  
2    Maryland that Section 20.128A of the Howard County Code shall terminate and be of no  
3    further force and effect after April 1, 2012, provided that a property owner who applies  
4    for a tax credit under Section 20.128A on or before April 1, 2012 may receive the credit  
5    after that date, if the property owner meets the requirements of Section 2 of this Act, and  
6    the property owner may receive parts of the credit in more than one fiscal year if  
7    required by the amount of the credit or limitations in the Annual Budget and  
8    Appropriation Ordinance.

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10   **Section 4. And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County,  
11   Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.